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FACT SHEET • AB 2674 (Block)

Solicitation of Murder

Summary:

When a husband or wife is convicted of solicitation for murder of their spouse, current law does not prohibit the convicted spouse of attempting to reap financial benefits, such as community property in retirement and pension benefits, from their injured spouse.

AB 2674 protects the victim by eliminating access the convicted partner may have to the victim's benefits and property rights and ceases all financial support or insurance coverage the convicted spouse was receiving.

Problem:

Under existing law, when a spouse is convicted of attempted murder, the injured spouse is entitled to 100% of the community property interests in their retirement or pension benefits and blocks the convicted spouse from collecting community property in retirement, pension, or insurance benefits.

Solution:

AB 2674 expands the current protections that apply to spouses convicted of murder to also include spouses who are convicted of solicitation of murder.

Background:

The Federal Bureau of Investigation reports an average of 70 to 90 cases of murder-for-hire each year within the United States. Studies show that the end of a relationship is a major motivation behind these heinous crimes.

Cases have increased in the past few years as more people grapple with financial hardships paired with the dissolution of partnerships or marriages. This bill will help protect the assets of an injured spouse.

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